

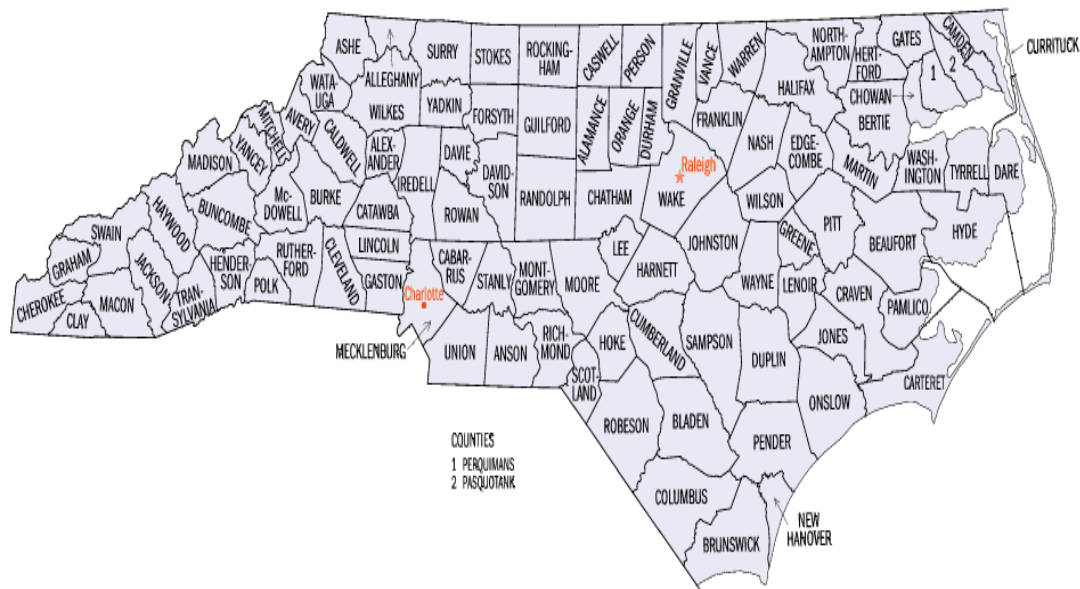
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North Carolina

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

Demographics¹

- Population: 8,186,268 (2001 estimate); 8,049,313 (2000 Census)
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 70.2% white; 21.4% black/African American; 1.2% American Indian/Alaska Native; 1.4% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.1% other; 1.0% two or more races; 4.7% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)

Politics

- Governor: Michael F. Easley²
- Lt. Governor: Beverly Perdue³
- Secretary of State: Elaine F. Marshall⁴
- Attorney General: Roy A. Cooper III⁵
- U.S. Senate: Elizabeth Dole (R); John Edwards (D)⁶
- U.S. House of Representatives (Districts 1-13, respectively): Frank Ballance, Jr.; Bob Etheridge; Walter B. Jones; David E. Price; Richard Burr; Howard Coble; Mike McIntyre; Robin Hayes; Sue Wilkins Myrick; Cass Ballenger; Charles H. Taylor; Melvin L. Watt; Brad Miller⁷
- The capital of North Carolina is Raleigh.⁸

Programs/Initiatives

- Governor's Crime Commission Drug Control and Substance Abuse Committee⁹
The mission of this committee is to encourage proactive and innovative programs and methodologies that reduce and discourage drug use and associated problems. Some priorities of the committee include:
 - the development of innovative law enforcement partnership programs
 - providing comprehensive drug treatment programs for areas with under-served high-risk populations
 - providing funding for drug courts
- Next Step for Youth Initiative¹⁰
The Governor's Next Step for Youth Initiative is a comprehensive prevention effort designed to prevent and reduce the use of marijuana, other illicit drugs, alcohol, and tobacco by North Carolina youth.

Federal Funding

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program grantees in North Carolina:¹¹
 - FY 2002: no grantees
 - FY 2001:
 - \$81,768 to Cumberland County Cares, Fayetteville
 - \$45,066 to Montgomery Community Resource Team, West End
 - FY 2000: \$100,000 to Systems Free Coalition, Halifax
 - FY 1999: no grantees

- FY 1998: \$100,000 to Coalition for Drug Abuse Prevention, Winston-Salem
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed¹²
 - Ten sites in North Carolina have been officially recognized as Weed and Seed sites: Charlotte, Durham, Greensboro, Greenville, High Point, Lumberton, New Bern, Rockingham, Southeast Raleigh, and Winston-Salem.
- FY 2001/02 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Formula and Discretionary Grant summary for North Carolina:¹³
 - Formula Funding: \$46,859,061
 - Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant - \$35,377,284
 - Community Mental Health Services Block Grant - \$10,239,850
 - Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) - \$538,000
 - Protection and Advocacy Formula Grant - \$703,927
 - Discretionary Funding: \$8,818,997
 - Mental Health - \$7,226,341
 - Substance Prevention - \$495,685
 - Substance Abuse Treatment - \$1,096,971
 - Total Mental Health Funds: \$18,708,118
 - Total Substance Abuse Funds: \$36,969,940
 - Total Funds for North Carolina: \$55,678,058
- FY 2002 Byrne Formula Grant Program amount awarded to North Carolina: \$13,048,474¹⁴
- FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant amounts received in North Carolina:¹⁵
 - \$333,818 to the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts (Raleigh) for the Forsyth County Drug Treatment Court (for drug court implementation)
 - \$187,228 to the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts (Raleigh) for the North Carolina Drug Treatment Court Program (drug court expansion)
 - \$435,341 to the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts (Raleigh) for the Durham County Drug Treatment Court (drug court implementation)
- FY 1996-2002 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) for State Prisoners Formula Grant amount allocated to North Carolina:¹⁶
 - FY 1996: \$614,639
 - FY 1997: \$735,492
 - FY 1998: \$1,587,191
 - FY 1999: \$1,490,594
 - FY 2000: \$1,406,192
 - FY 2001: \$1,363,284
 - FY 2002: \$1,499,992
- There were no North Carolina recipients of the FY 2002 Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Methamphetamine Grant.¹⁷
- Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grants awarded to North Carolina during FY 2001:¹⁸
 - \$125,000 to Lakeside Apartments, Burlington
 - \$125,000 to St. James Homes, Greensboro
 - \$199,925 to First Farmington Apartments, High Point

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During 2001, there were 41,063 total drug arrests in North Carolina (all ages).¹⁹

Number of Drug Arrests (All Ages), North Carolina, 1997-2001

Offense	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Possession – marijuana	20,651	20,412	20,344	21,098	19,958
Possession – opium/cocaine	10,690	11,121	9,106	9,508	9,481
Possession – other dang. drugs	3,267	3,375	2,566	3,077	4,498
Possession – synthetic narc.	292	233	170	469	477
Total possession arrests	34,900	35,141	32,186	34,152	34,414
Sale/mfg. – marijuana	2,273	2,250	2,384	2,662	2,557
Sale/mfg. – opium/cocaine	4,383	4,902	4,572	4,076	3,736
Sale/mfg. – other dang. drugs	150	170	223	370	245
Sale/mfg. – synthetic narcotics	117	66	40	87	111
Total sale/mfg. arrests	6,923	7,388	7,219	7,195	6,649
Total drug arrests	41,823	42,529	39,405	41,347	41,063

- There were 30,450 drug arrests in North Carolina in 1992.²⁰

Number of Drug Arrests (All Ages), North Carolina, 1992-1996

Offense	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Possession – marijuana	10,491	10,735	13,392	15,327	17,172
Possession – opium/cocaine	8,784	7,962	8,900	9,422	9,851
Possession – other dang. Drugs	1,992	1,831	2,468	2,848	3,052
Possession – synthetic narc.	347	399	257	396	246
Total possession arrests	21,614	20,927	25,017	27,993	30,321
Sale/mfg. – marijuana	2,224	2,147	2,084	2,135	2,094
Sale/mfg. – opium/cocaine	5,775	5,679	5,215	4,800	3,997
Sale/mfg. – other dang. Drugs	602	473	482	170	103
Sale/mfg. – synthetic narcotics	235	194	161	128	92
Total sale/mfg. arrests	8,836	8,493	7,942	7,233	6,286
Total drug arrests	30,450	29,420	32,959	35,226	36,607

- There were 45,264 larceny-theft arrests (all ages) in North Carolina during 2001.²¹

Number of Index Offense Arrests, North Carolina, 1997-2001

Offense	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Murder/non-neg. manslaughter	757	732	741	727	1,200
Forcible rape	794	656	772	884	794
Robbery	4,348	4,021	4,094	4,199	4,888
Aggravated assault	22,477	22,347	20,962	19,554	19,811
Burglary	16,204	16,338	15,318	16,028	16,399
Larceny-theft	42,129	41,541	42,598	42,031	45,264
Motor vehicle theft	2,460	2,399	2,408	2,688	2,413
Arson	511	481	426	457	529

Drugs

- Cocaine
Cocaine HCl and crack cocaine are both readily available in North Carolina.²²
- Heroin
Heroin use is not very prevalent in North Carolina except for in certain larger cities, such as Durham, Greenville, High Point and Rocky Mount.²³
- Marijuana
Marijuana from both Mexican and local sources continues to be widely available in North Carolina.²⁴
- Methamphetamine
The use of methamphetamine is increasing in popularity in North Carolina.²⁵
- Club Drugs
MDMA, GHB, and LSD are the most popular club drugs used in North Carolina. Club drugs are particularly popular with college and high-school aged individuals.²⁶
- Other Drugs
Law enforcement agencies across the state have reported an increase in the abuse of OxyContin.²⁷

Juveniles

- Approximately 32.8% of 9th graders, 33.9% of 10th graders, 32.3% of 11th graders, and 31.8% of twelfth graders surveyed in North Carolina in 2001 reported that they have been offered, sold, or given an illegal drug on school property within the past year.²⁸
- Approximately 40% of North Carolina high school students surveyed in 2001 reported that they have used marijuana at least once during their lifetimes.²⁹

Percent of High School Students Reporting Drug Use, by Gender, North Carolina, 2001

	Female	Male	Total
Lifetime marijuana use	38.2%	42.3%	40.3%
Current marijuana use	17.8	23.9	20.8
Lifetime cocaine use	6.2	7.1	6.7
Current cocaine use	1.9	3.5	2.7
Lifetime inhalant use	13.5	13.8	13.7
Lifetime heroin use	1.4	3.1	2.3
Lifetime methamphetamine use	7.3	8.3	7.8
Lifetime illegal steroid use	3.5	6.5	5.0
Lifetime injecting illegal drug use	1.2	2.6	1.9
Tried marijuana before age 13	7.4	13.5	10.5

- Approximately 48% of North Carolina high school seniors reported using marijuana at least once during their lifetimes.³⁰

Percent of High School Students Reporting Drug Use, by Grade, North Carolina, 2001

Drug Type and Use	9th	10th	11th	12th
Lifetime marijuana use	33.2%	35.5%	48.6%	48.4%
Current marijuana use	20.1	18.5	22.4	22.5
Lifetime cocaine use	7.5	6.4	5.0	6.9
Current cocaine use	3.2	1.8	1.9	3.6
Lifetime inhalant use	15.2	14.3	13.8	10.0
Lifetime heroin use	2.4	2.3	1.1	2.8
Lifetime methamphetamine use	7.8	7.5	7.1	8.1
Lifetime illegal steroid use	6.6	4.4	3.5	4.1
Lifetime injecting illegal drug use	2.2	1.9	0.9	1.9
Tried marijuana before age 13	13.4	9.0	9.2	8.5

- During 2001, there were 3,921 juvenile drug arrests in North Carolina.³¹

Number of Juvenile Drug Arrests, North Carolina, 1997-2001

Offense	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Possession – marijuana	3,173	2,932	2,962	3,028	2,557
Possession – opium/cocaine	779	739	548	490	438
Possession – other dang. drugs	123	181	148	358	349
Possession – synthetic narc.	57	34	15	66	53
Total possession arrests	4,132	3,886	3,674	3,942	3,397
Sale/mfg. – marijuana	283	225	232	263	249
Sale/mfg. – opium/cocaine	396	372	332	279	234
Sale/mfg. – other dang. drugs	13	6	27	34	31
Sale/mfg. – synthetic narcotics	12	10	5	22	10
Total sale/mfg. arrests	704	613	596	598	524
Total juvenile drug arrests	4,836	4,499	4,270	4,540	3,921

- There were 2,092 juvenile drug arrests in North Carolina in 1992.³²

Number of Juvenile Drug Arrests, North Carolina, 1992-1996

Offense	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Possession – marijuana	686	945	1,532	2,286	2,684
Possession – opium/cocaine	659	629	751	809	845
Possession – other dang. Drugs	86	79	128	169	151
Possession – synthetic narc.	21	28	28	42	31
Total possession arrests	1,452	1,681	2,439	3,306	3,711
Sale/mfg. – marijuana	99	133	193	281	259
Sale/mfg. – opium/cocaine	516	538	507	493	366
Sale/mfg. – other dang. Drugs	9	13	15	12	9
Sale/mfg. – synthetic narcotics	16	16	10	18	22
Total sale/mfg. arrests	640	700	725	804	656
Total juvenile drug arrests	2,092	2,381	3,164	4,110	4,367

- There were 101 juvenile arrests for murder/non-negligent manslaughter in North Carolina during 2001.³³

Number of Juvenile Arrests, Select Offenses, North Carolina, 1997-2001

Offense	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Murder/non-neg. manslaughter	72	57	62	54	101
Forcible rape	84	68	96	91	77
Robbery	972	766	688	640	798
Aggravated assault	2,334	2,145	1,903	1,746	1,702
Burglary	3,999	3,948	3,469	3,541	3,202
Larceny-theft	10,172	10,129	9,672	9,490	9,938
Motor vehicle theft	761	706	670	787	619
Arson	217	181	190	191	185
Driving under the influence	944	942	845	580	762
Liquor laws	1,520	1,655	1,805	2,005	1,773

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2001, there were 27,636 full-time law enforcement employees in North Carolina.³⁴

Trafficking and Seizures

- The primary method of transporting cocaine into North Carolina is by couriers who exploit the interstate highway system.³⁵
- Most of the heroin available in the state is purchased in New York, Philadelphia or Baltimore and is then transported to North Carolina for distribution.³⁶
- The majority of the marijuana available in North Carolina is smuggled across the U.S./Mexico border and is then transported to its destination within the state.³⁷
- Methamphetamine is transported into North Carolina from the Southwest Border, specifically California and Arizona.³⁸
- During 2001, the North Carolina State Highway Patrol seized more than one million grams of marijuana.³⁹

Drug and Currency Seizures, NC State Highway Patrol, 1998-2001

	1998	1999	2000	2001
Cocaine (grams)	17,209	19,427	6,091	3,350.15
Marijuana (grams)	590,382.5	35,704	18,856	1,405,529
Currency	\$1,062,521	\$1,594,457	\$126,808.81	\$234,051.74

- During 2001, Federal agencies seized more than 3,000 kilograms of marijuana in North Carolina.⁴⁰

Amount of Drugs Seized by Federal Agencies, North Carolina, 2001

Drug Type	Amount Seized (in kilograms)
Cocaine	164.5
Heroin	0
Methamphetamine	18.0
Marijuana	3,826.8

- The DEA and State and local authorities in North Carolina seized 33 methamphetamine labs in 2001.⁴¹

Methamphetamine Labs Seized, North Carolina, 1996-2001

Year	Labs Seized
1996	0
1997	1
1998	1
1999	5
2000	13
2001	33

- During 2001, nearly 90,000 cultivated marijuana plants were eradicated in North Carolina under the DEA's Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program.⁴²

Number of Marijuana Plants Eradicated and Seized, North Carolina, 2001

<u>Outdoor Operations</u>		<u>Indoor Operations</u>		Total Plants Eradicated
Plots Eradicated	Cultivated Plants Eradicated	Grows Seized	Plants Eradicated	
1,462	88,925	18	975	89,900

Courts

- Drug Courts⁴³
As of January 8, 2003, there were 28 drug courts in North Carolina that were either already in existence or were being planned. Nine drug courts have been operating for more than 2 years, 12 were recently implemented, and 7 were being planned.
- During FY 2001, 42.3% of the Federally sentenced defendants in North Carolina committed drug offenses. Nearly half of the drug offenses involved crack cocaine.⁴⁴

Federal Sentencing Statistics, Drug Offenses, North Carolina, FY 2001

Drug Type	Offenses	% of Total
Crack cocaine	299	47.5%
Powder Cocaine	165	26.2
Marijuana	95	15.1
Methamphetamine	52	8.3
Heroin	10	1.6
Other drug	8	1.3

Corrections

- On December 31, 2002, the North Carolina prison population was 33,104. Approximately 13.5% (4,472) of the prison population had committed drug offenses.⁴⁵

Number of Drug Offenders in Prison, by Age, North Carolina, December 31, 2002

Offense	Under 20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50 +
Non-trafficking	105	1,171	787	527	140
Trafficking	20	805	560	255	102
Total	125	1,976	1,347	782	242

- Drug Alcohol Recovery Treatment (DART) Program⁴⁶
DART is a five-week term of intensive treatment in independent residential facilities throughout North Carolina. In North Carolina's Piedmont Region, there are 300 DART Program beds.

Drug Alcohol Recovery Treatment Program Availability, by Facility, 2002

Region/Facility	Treatment capacity	Peer counselors	Total DART beds
Central Region total	247	27	274
Duplin	44	6	50
Lumberton	46	6	52
Pender	96	8	104
NC Correc. Ins for Women	61	7	68
Eastern Region total	203	43	246
Pasquotank	28	4	32
Tyrell Work Farm	52	6	58
Wayne	123	33	156
Western Region total	206	17	223
Black Mtn. Cor. Ctr. for Women	8	1	9
Craggy	62	6	68
Foothills	30	2	32
Haywood	34	2	36
Marion	30	2	32
Western Youth	42	4	46
Piedmont Region total	276	24	300
Brown Creek	96	8	104
Caswell	62	6	68
Polk Youth	30	2	32
Piedmont	88	8	96

- North Carolina's probation population totaled 115,636 on December 31, 2002. More than 22,000 of the probationers had committed drug offenses.⁴⁷
- The North Carolina parole population on December 31, 2002 was 3,581. More than 400 of the parolees had committed drug offenses.⁴⁸

Number of Drug Offenders on Probation/Parole, North Carolina, December 31, 2002

	Under 20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50 +
Probation					
Non-trafficking	1,808	10,039	5,365	3,518	1,180
Trafficking	12	227	135	74	25
Probation drug total	1,820	10,266	5,500	3,592	1,205
Parole					
Non-trafficking	1	74	135	86	39
Trafficking	0	4	19	27	28
Parole drug total	1	78	154	113	67

Treatment

- In 2001, there were nearly 33,000 admissions to drug/alcohol treatment in North Carolina.⁴⁹ There were 35,000 treatment admissions in 2000.⁵⁰ During 1999, there were 32,463 admissions to treatment.⁵¹

Number of Admissions to Treatment, North Carolina, 1999-2001

Drug Type	<u>1999</u>		<u>2000</u>		<u>2001</u>	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Alcohol only	11,042	34.0%	12,215	34.8%	10,732	32.6%
Alc. w/ second. drug	6,693	20.6	6,045	17.2	6,082	18.5
Cocaine – smoked	5,439	16.8	5,009	14.3	4,665	14.2
Cocaine – other route	2,173	6.7	1,738	5.0	1,040	3.2
Marijuana	4,933	15.2	6,367	18.2	6,546	19.9
Heroin	935	2.9	892	2.5	839	2.5
Other opiates	504	1.6	777	2.2	993	3.0
PCP	4	0.0	6	0.0	12	0.0
Hallucinogens	29	0.1	95	0.3	80	0.2
Amphetamines	71	0.2	164	0.5	185	0.6
Other stimulants	18	0.1	16	0.0	29	0.1
Tranquilizers	172	0.5	258	0.7	253	0.8
Sedatives	82	0.3	143	0.4	109	0.3
Inhalants	27	0.1	27	0.1	23	0.1
Other/none specified	341	1.1	1,319	3.8	1,367	4.1
Total	32,463	100.0	35,071	100.0	32,955	100.0

- The following are two examples of State treatment facilities found in North Carolina:⁵²
 - Julian F. Keith Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Center (ADATC): This 80 bed residential treatment facility located in Black Mountain is designed to meet the needs of alcohol and other drug dependent residents in the western counties of North Carolina.
 - Walter B. Jones ADATC: This is a 76 bed, short-term residential treatment center found in Greenville. This facility serves 33 counties in the eastern region of the

State and 5 counties in south central North Carolina. Studies conducted over the past few years have shown that 70% of this facility's clients are sober/drug-free six months after discharge.

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